Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : Yes.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Have the cultivators ever suggested that the disturbance of wild animals is more frequent in the smaller areas here and there parcelled out to them than in the bigger areas?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar : But those areas were selected by the people themselves and I do not see any reason why the people should now complain in the matter.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether there is any instance of any land having been taken back for non-cultivation of that area?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venketeswara Aiyar: No, Sir, but the matter is under consideration.

Salt.

34. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that salt is not available for the retail merchants and the consumers at the controlled prices ;

(*b*) whether they have received any representation from the merchants to that effect ; and

(*c*) whether they have taken any action on that representation?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : Am I to understand from the answer that the Assistant Commissioners have not received any complaints in the matter?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : The reply is that no complaint has been brought to my notice.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

President : I hope the honourable members are aware of the rules relating to the voting on demands for grants. I find that 13 honourable members have given their names for speaking on the Excise Demand. Only one hour is allowed for the discussion of the Demand and that fact has to be borne in mind. About ten minutes has to be given to the official member to reply to the suggestions made on the floor of this House and the rest of the fifty minutes has to be divided for the speeches of the honourable members. If I am to give time for these 13 members each member could get only some 3 to 4 minutes. This is a matter which really cannot be dealt with in such a manner and therefore the only satisfactory way of dealing with this question will be this. I shall very strictly enforce the time limit of ten minutes for every official member in the matter of reply. I shall also allow the maximum time limit of 10 minutes for the speech of

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